

**John Branch to Andrew Jackson, April 19, 1831, from
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SECRETARY BRANCH TO JACKSON.

Washington, April 19, 1831.

Sir, In the interview which I had the honor to hold with you this morning I understood it to be your fixed purpose to reorganise your Cabinet and that, as to myself, it was your wish that I should retire from the administration of the Navy Department. Under these circumstances I take pleasure in tendering to you the commission which unsolicited on my part you were pleased to confer on me.

I have the honor to be with great respect